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This summary presents results of a June 1984 survey of occupational wages in the State of South Dakota. This is 1 of 92 areas which the Bureau of Labor Statistics surveys at the request of the Employment Standards Administration of the U.S. Department of Labor for use in administering the Service Contract Act of 1965. In addition, the Bureau conducts more extensive studies of occupational wages and related benefits in 71 other areas throughout the United States. For information on these reports and other Bureau publications, contact any BLS regional office identified on the back page.

This study covered establishments employing 50 workers or more in manufacturing; transportation, communication, and other public utilities; wholesale trade; retail trade; finance, insurance, and real estate; and selected services. A sample of 102 establishments employing 26,528 workers was selected to represent 349 establishments employing 52,758 workers in the area. (See table 2 for further information on the scope of the survey.) Data collected in the sample of establishments were projected to represent all establishments within the scope of the survey.

Table 1 provides hourly earnings information on office and plant workers employed in selected occupations common to a variety of industries. Occupational classification was based on a uniform set of job descriptions designed to take account of variations in job duties among establishments. The job descriptions used in the survey are available on request.

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Table 1. Hourly earnings[1] of selected occupations in South Dakota, June 1984

Occupation	Number of workers			Hourly earnings (all workers)[1]			Number of workers receiving straight-time hourly earnings (in dollars) of —																
	All[2]	Men	Women	Mean	Median	Middle range	3.25 and under 3.50	3.50 – 3.75	3.75 – 4.00	4.00 – 4.50	4.50 – 5.00	5.00 – 5.50	5.50 – 6.00	6.00 – 6.50	6.50 – 7.00	7.00 – 7.50	7.50 – 8.00	8.00 – 8.50	8.50 – 9.00	9.00 – 9.50	9.50 – 10.00	10.00 – 10.50	10.50 – 11.00	11.00 – 12.00	12.00 – 13.00	13.00 and over
Secretaries	163	-	148	6.77	6.12	5.32- 7.64	-	-	-	-	13	33	12	34	9	19	14	8	1	6	1	2	1	8	4	-
Secretaries I	68	-	68	5.57	5.60	5.05- 6.01	-	-	-	-	9	23	9	25	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Secretaries II	42	-	33	6.24	6.05	5.28- 7.15	-	-	-	-	4	10	2	8	5	8	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Secretaries III	19	-	15	8.86	7.78	7.30- 9.77	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	6	1	-	-	3	1	1	-	-	4	-
Secretaries IV	26	-	24	8.12	8.01	7.55- 8.10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4	7	7	1	3	-	-	1	1	-	-
Secretaries V	8	-	8	10.36	11.23	- -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	5	-	-
Typists	121	-	121	5.42	4.80	4.34- 6.08	3	15	9	23	18	13	7	4	5	3	9	-	2	8	1	-	-	-	-	-
Typists I	66	-	66	5.39	4.75	4.34- 5.73	3	3	9	14	12	7	4	1	1	-	2	-	2	8	-	-	-	-	-	-
File clerks	58	1	57	4.54	4.40	3.87- 4.85	7	6	4	12	23	-	1	-	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
File clerks I	27	1	26	4.12	3.95	3.53- 4.85	7	3	4	3	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Receptionists	17	-	17	5.79	5.60	4.90- 5.60	-	-	-	-	8	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Switchboard operators	10	-	10	4.98	4.26	- -	-	-	5	-	1	-	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Key entry operators	257	2	253	5.75	5.53	4.89- 6.40	-	-	-	5	71	47	52	19	40	1	3	9	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-
Key entry operators I	195	2	192	5.39	5.27	4.68- 5.96	-	-	-	5	70	35	38	13	32	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Key entry operators II	62	-	61	6.88	6.40	5.57- 8.25	-	-	-	-	1	12	14	6	8	1	1	9	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-
Computer operators	149	59	88	7.18	6.83	6.15- 8.13	-	-	-	-	4	6	21	23	23	25	6	10	6	5	13	7	-	-	-	-
Computer operators I	40	6	33	5.94	5.70	5.50- 6.28	-	-	-	-	4	3	17	7	1	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Computer operators II	80	28	51	7.09	6.83	6.28- 7.33	-	-	-	-	-	3	4	16	22	16	2	6	4	2	5	-	-	-	-	-
Computer operators III	29	25	4	9.16	9.72	8.23- 9.85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	4	2	3	8	7	-	-	-	-
Drafters	106	99	7	7.79	7.57	6.64- 8.07	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	14	13	15	25	4	10	4	2	4	1	-	1	4
Drafters III	52	45	7	7.32	7.47	6.68- 7.95	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	3	11	22	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Drafters IV	25	25	-	8.63	8.75	7.90- 8.95	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	3	-	10	-	1	4	1	-	-	-
Electronics technicians	256	226	23	10.17	10.62	8.49-11.64	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	6	10	29	-	11	2	9	21	22	38	44	19	[3]34
Electronics technicians I	31	27	4	8.09	6.20	5.50-11.49	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	-
Electronics technicians II	156	142	14	9.75	10.08	8.21-10.82	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	29	-	6	2	9	21	19	30	12	12	8
Electronics technicians III	69	57	5	12.07	11.92	11.04-13.71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	3	8	20	7	26
Maintenance electricians	80	69	-	10.62	9.80	9.80-11.41	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	2	2	-	-	33	4	7	18	-	[4]8
Maintenance machinists	95	92	-	9.28	9.80	7.83- 9.80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	23	3	-	-	52	3	6	5	-	-
Maintenance mechanics (machinery)	173	129	-	8.92	8.64	7.45-10.53	-	-	-	-	-	3	12	7	3	23	-	21	24	13	1	11	33	18	-	4
Motor vehicle mechanics	123	123	-	9.84	9.70	7.73-11.64	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	6	1	10	12	13	6	-	14	8	6	12	-	[5]29
General maintenance workers	160	155	5	7.48	7.43	5.67- 9.11	-	-	-	5	19	12	14	16	-	19	10	2	20	12	10	-	5	16	-	-
Truckdrivers	252	242	10	8.48	6.80	5.85-12.01	-	7	-	7	-	1	59	13	43	22	5	1	1	2	7	-	13	2	8	[6]61
Truckdrivers, light truck	23	16	7	4.76	4.20	3.65- 6.00	-	7	-	7	-	1	1	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Truckdrivers, medium truck	69	66	3	11.84	13.21	12.01-13.46	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	2	-	5	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	8	45
Truckdrivers, heavy truck	93	93	-	7.06	5.85	5.60- 7.15	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	-	3	22	-	-	-	2	6	-	12	-	-	-
Truckdrivers, tractor-trailer	67	67	-	8.26	6.53	6.53-10.18	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	8	36	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	16
Heavy equipment operators	18	18	-	9.45	8.51	8.29- 8.75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	6	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	[7]4
Shipping packers	177	88	87	5.39	5.26	4.75- 5.61	-	6	14	3	54	30	31	1	22	3	9	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Material handling laborers	485	453	11	8.86	8.92	7.29-10.70	-	-	3	10	13	37	31	-	17	33	-	93	7	18	22	2	158	12	-	29
Forklift operators	205	201	4	7.45	8.55	5.67- 8.55	-	-	-	1	-	17	45	4	13	12	4	-	100	1	-	-	8	-	-	-
Guards	28	19	-	8.01	8.60	7.18- 8.60	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	5	-	1	16	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guards I	28	19	-	8.01	8.60	7.18- 8.60	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	5	-	1	16	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Janitors, porters, and cleaners	267	223	29	6.01	5.78	4.65- 6.98	3	3	8	42	51	22	16	16	39	25	10	10	-	-	13	4	5	-	-	-

[1] Excludes premium pay for overtime and for work on weekends, holidays, and late shifts. Incentive payments, such as those resulting from piecework, production bonuses, and commission systems, are included in the wages reported; nonproduction bonuses are excluded. Cost-of-living allowances are considered as part of the workers' regular pay. Hourly earnings reported for salaried workers are derived from regular salaries divided by the corresponding standard hours of work. The wages of learners, apprentices, and handicapped workers are excluded. The mean is computed for each job by totaling the earnings of all workers and dividing by the number of workers. The median designates position—one-half of the workers receive the same as or more and one-half receive the same as or less than the rate shown. The middle range is defined by two rates of pay; one-fourth of the workers earn the same as or less than the lower of these rates and one-fourth earn the same as or more than the higher rate.

[2] May include data for workers not identified by sex. Similarly, for occupations with more than one level, data are included in the overall classification when a subclassification is not shown or information to subclassify is not available.

[3] All workers were at $13.00 to $14.00.

[4] All workers were at $15.00 to $16.00.

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Table 2. Establishments and workers within scope of survey and number studied in South Dakota,[1] June 1984

Industry division[2]	Minimum employment in establishments in scope of survey	Number of establishments		Workers in establishments		
		Within scope of survey[3]	Studied	Within scope of survey[4]		Studied
				Number	Percent	
All divisions	50	349	102	52,758	100	26,528
Manufacturing	50	121	37	23,914	45	13,647
Nonmanufacturing[5]	50	228	65	28,844	55	12,881

[1] The "workers within scope of survey" estimates shown in this table provide a reasonably accurate description of the size and composition of the labor force included in the survey. The estimates are not intended, however, to serve as a basis of comparison with other statistical series for the area to measure employment trends or levels since (1) planning of wage surveys requires the use of establishment data compiled considerably in advance of the payroll period studied, and (2) small establishments are excluded from the scope of the survey.

[2] The 1972 edition of the Standard Industrial Classification Manual was used in classifying establishments by industry division.

[3] Includes all establishments with total employment at or above the minimum limitation. All outlets of companies in such industries as trade, finance, auto repair service, and motion picture theaters (within a Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area or nonmetropolitan county) are considered as one establishment.

[4] Includes all workers in all establishments with total employment (within the area) at or above the minimum limitation.

[5] Includes transportation, communication, and other public utilities (excluding taxicabs and services incidental to water transportation); wholesale trade; retail trade; finance, insurance, and real estate; hotels and other lodging places; laundries and other personal services; automobile repair, rental, and parking; motion pictures; nonprofit membership organizations (excluding religious and charitable organizations); engineering and architectural services; and miscellaneous business services. Major industries excluded from this survey are agriculture; mining; construction; some services (notably educational institutions and medical services); and government operations.

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